

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S675–S692

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2053–2054. **Page S689**

Safe Transportation Equity Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S680–86**

Pending:

Modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Dorgan Amendment No. 2267, to exempt certain agricultural producers from certain hazardous materials transportation requirements. **Page S680**

Gregg Amendment No. 2268 (to Amendment No. 2267), to provide that certain public safety officials have the right to collective bargaining. **Page S680**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 1 p.m., on Monday, February 9, 2004. **Page S691**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

42 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
5 Army nominations in the rank of general.
2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy. **Pages S690–91, S692**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Thomas Bolling Robertson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia

Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Page S692**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S689**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S689–90**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 12:38 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, February 9, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S691–92.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3781–3782 were introduced. **Page H396**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H396**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 1073, to repeal section 801 of the Revenue Act of 1916 (H. Rept. 108–415). **Page H396**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H395**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. Alan N. Keiran, Chief of Staff, Office of the U.S. Senate Chaplain. **Page H395**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H395.

Senate Referrals: S. 1612 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:00 noon and adjourned at 12:03 p.m. **Page H395**

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 9 through February 14, 2004

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1072, SAFE Transportation Equity Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: February 10, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: February 10, to resume hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for Fiscal Year 2005 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 11, Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine financial reconstruction in Iraq, 1 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: February 12, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 11, to hold hearings to examine protecting children from violent and indecent programming, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 10, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 12, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1466, to facilitate the transfer of land in the State of Alaska, S. 1421, to authorize the subdivision and dedication of restricted land owned by Alaska Natives, S. 1649, to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and S. 1910, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out an inventory and management program for forests derived from public domain land, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: February 10, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Samuel W. Bodman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine revenue proposals in the President's fiscal year 2005 budget, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 12, to hold hearings to examine policy and programs relating to the State Department, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: February 9, to hold hearings to examine Department of Homeland Security budget for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., SD-342.

February 12, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense contractors who are abusing the federal tax system by either failing to file tax returns or not paying their taxes, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 11, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget request, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 11, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine cable industry competition, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

February 12, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, to hold hearings to examine evaluating a temporary guest worker proposal, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: February 12, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget request for the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 10, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2005 Department of Veterans Affairs' budget, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: February 10, to hold hearings to examine tax relief strategies for eldercare, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, February 11, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Defense, on Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Base Realignment and Closure, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, February 11, hearing on the Department of Defense aviation safety initiatives, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 11, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Department of Defense Information Systems Architecture: Are

We on the Right Path to Achieving Net-Centricity and Ensuring Interoperability? 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 12, full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request from the Department of the Navy, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 11, hearing on the Department of Education Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005, 11 a.m., 210 Cannon.

February 12, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 11, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing entitled "Prevention of Underage Drinking: What Works," 11:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing entitled "Encouraging Healthy Choices for Healthy Children," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 11, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 3717, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, to mark up H.R. 3717, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 11, hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on housing related agency budgets for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, February 10, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on "Public Diplomacy in the Middle East," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 11, Special Panel on Postal Reform and Oversight, to continue hearings entitled "Answering the Administration's Call for Postal Reform, Part III" 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 11, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Esprit de Corps: Recruiting and Retaining America's Best for the Federal Civil Service (H.R. 3737; H.R. 1601; S. 129)" 11:30 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

February 11, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "The President's Management Agenda—Are Agencies Getting to Green?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 12, full Committee, hearing entitled "A Review of This Year's Flu Season: Does Our Public Health System Need a Shot in the Arm?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Measuring the Effectiveness of Drug Addiction Treatment," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, February 11, hearing on the President's International Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2005, 12 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 11, Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, hearing on the Status of International Religious Freedom: An Analysis of the State Department's 2003 Annual Report, time to be announced, 2172 Rayburn.

February 12, full Committee, hearing on Afghanistan: Drugs and Terrorism and U.S. Security Policy, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 10, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Privacy in the Hands of the Government: The Privacy Officer for the Department of Homeland Security; followed by a mark up of H.R. 338, Defense of Privacy Act, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 3632, Anti-counterfeiting Amendments of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, February 12, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "Energy Supply and the American Consumer," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 12, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 3505, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to specify the recipients and consideration for conveyance of the Bend Pine Nursery, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, February 10, to consider the following bills: H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003; and H.R. 1561, United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003, 5:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, February 11, hearing on An Overview of the Federal R&D Budget for Fiscal Year 2005, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 12, hearing on the President's Vision for Space Exploration, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 11, hearing on How Does the President's Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Request Affect Small Business? 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 12, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Aviation Security: Progress and Problems in Passenger and Baggage Screening, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 10, hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2005 Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 11, hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Tax Proposals, 11 a.m., and a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2005 Budget with OMB Director Bolton, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 12, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on IRS Efforts to Modernize its Computer Systems, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 11, executive, hearing on Iraqi Survey Group Development 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

February 12, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, February 12, hearing entitled “The Department of Homeland Security’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 Budget,” 10 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: February 10, to hold hearings to examine the economic report of the President, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Monday, February 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1072, SAFE Transportation Equity Act.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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